

Ira J. Chase collection

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Chase, Ira J., 1834-1895
Title	Ira J. Chase collection
Date	1882-1895, 1941
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Biographical Note

Ira Joy Chase was the 22nd governor of Indiana. Born in Monroe County, New York on December 7, 1834, he served in the 19th Illinois Regiment during the Civil War and was discharged after a year due to ill health. The Christian ministry brought him to Indiana in 1867 and Chase served as pastor for several churches in the state. In 1886, he was appointed chaplain of the Indiana Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.). Chase was elected as lieutenant -governor of Indiana in 1888 and assumed the governorship in November, 1891 when Governor Alvin Hovey passed away. He lost the gubernatorial election of 1892 and left office on January 9, 1893. Governor Chase married Rhoda J. Castle (1833-1926) and they had four children. He passed away on May 11, 1895.

Sources:

"Indiana Governor Ira Joy Chase (1834-1895)." Indiana Historical Bureau. Accessed August 26, 2016. <http://www.in.gov/history/2729.htm>.

"Ira Joy Chase." National Governors Association. Accessed August 26, 2016. <http://www.nga.org>.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains Ira J. Chase's personal diary with entries from 1882 to 1894. The collection also includes an invitation to the October 11-13, 1892 ceremonies of the dedication of the buildings of the World's Columbian Exposition and a letter and certified copy of a resolution offered by the Board of Lady Managers of the World's Columbian Commission thanking Governor Chase for the escort of members of the board to the exposition grounds by his military aide dated October 26, 1892. Other items from the exposition include a souvenir cablegram by the Commercial Cable Company with envelope and a copy of the cable alphabet (circa 1893).

This collection also contains four letters from 1894 that were sent to Ira Chase from the Ohio Republican State Executive Committee; Charles Henry Grosvenor, a U.S. representative from Ohio; the Republican State Committee of Indiana, and newly-elected U.S. congressman, James E. Watson, regarding the Republican speaking campaign and the fall election victories. A May 16, 1895 condolence letter sent to Mrs. Ira J. Chase by Mary Dresser of Lafayette, Indiana and a June 8, 1941 *Muncie Star* article written by Chase's son-in-law, Horace G. Murphy, are included as well.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Republican Party (Ind.).
- Republican Party (U.S. : 1854-).

Genre(s)

- Correspondence
- Diaries
- Telegrams

Personal Name(s)

- Chase, Ira J., 1834-1895
- Grosvenor, Charles Henry, 1833-1917
- Watson, James E. (James Eli), 1863-1948

Subject(s)

- Governors--Indiana
- Indiana--Politics and government
- Politicians--Indiana
- Politicians--United States--20th century
- Politics and government
- World's Columbian Exposition (1893 : Chicago, Ill.)